

"We might cease thinking of school as a place, and learn to believe that it is basically relationships between children and adults, and between children and other children.

- George Dennison

Additional Programs and Opportunities Provided by the Keeney Family Resource Center:

- Lunch Groups: Keeney Lunch Groups are open to 4th and 5th graders who have turned in signed permission slips. Groups discuss a range of topics during students' regularly scheduled lunch periods.
- Community Outreach: Whether promoting the Family Resource Center or other programs in the Manchester area, the Keeney Family Resource Center helps community members understand the range of services available in our town.
- Kindergarten Socialization: All students benefit from positive role models, including our Kindergarteners! The Family Resource Centers join Kindergartens during their play times to model healthy relationships and prosocial behavior.
- Resource and Referral: We are a primary resource and referral for all matters pertaining to the well-being of children, their families, and the community.



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Keeney Family Resource Center



What is a Student Ambassador?

The Student Ambassador Program is a new initiative led by the Manchester Public Schools' Family Resource Centers. Ambassadors are role models for their peers and take part in a variety of activities throughout the school system. At Keeney Elementary School, these activities will include:

- Providing tours of our school to visitors
- Welcoming new students and families to our school
- Presenting/sharing information about our school to the Board of Education and the Parent-Teacher Association
- Guiding and mentoring students who join our school during the year

How are Ambassadors Selected?

Ambassadors are selected based on student interest and recommendations by Keeney faculty. If a student is interested in participating in the Ambassador Program, they should speak with their teacher about joining. Participation is not based on academics, however students must be positive role models for their peers and comfortable interacting with a variety of children and adults. A limited number of Ambassadors are needed, so students who are unable to participate this year are encouraged to try again next year.

How is the Family Resource Center Involved?

The Manchester Public Schools' Family Resource Centers are spearheading the Ambassador Program throughout the district. The FRC's will ensure the Ambassador Program is tailored to the needs of their individual schools.

Positive Youth Development

A key component of the FRC's work is to provide Manchester youth with a range of Positive Youth Development opportunities. In addition to providing school tours and welcoming new students, Ambassadors in the 4th and 5th grades will spend time at the Family Resource Center discussing their roles, responsibilities and how to act as a mentor for their fellow students.



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